

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING ALEX PETTIT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Alex Pettit of Denton, Texas on receiving the 2005 Best of Texas Award for Demonstrated Leadership in Management of Information Technology.

The Best of Texas Awards program was established to salute Information Technology professionals in Texas State and local government organizations for their dedication, hard work and contributions. An Evaluation Committee reviews submissions and selects recipients for each of the 9 categories. The Demonstrated Leadership in Management of Information Technology award is available only to Chief Information Officers or Agency Chief Information Officers who have staffed, planned and executed technology plans that have assisted their jurisdiction, department, or agency in meeting its mission. The winner of this category is judged on the basis of vision, leadership and support of IT throughout the department, agency and the entire jurisdiction.

This year, the Demonstrated Leadership in Management of Information Technology Award was given to Mr. Pettit by the Center for Digital Government for providing outstanding leadership and technical direction to the City of Denton. Mr. Pettit's responsibilities include negotiation and management of all system procurements and implementations, security, tactical and strategic planning for technology solutions and services to support the City, and coordination of all phones and pagers used by City personnel. Through these responsibilities, Mr. Pettit has succeeded in implementing the goal of the City of Denton to be a leader among cities in the delivery of outstanding quality services and products through the utilization of innovation, citizen involvement, and efficient use of resources. The award was presented to Mr. Pettit on October 19, 2005 at the Center for Digital Government's award ceremony in Austin, Texas.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Alex Pettit for receiving the 2005 Best of Texas Award. His contributions to the technology industry and his service to the Denton community should inspire us all.

HONORING FATHER BRENDAN O'SULLIVAN UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a distinguished man who has selflessly served the Sacramento area for almost 50 years. Father Brendan O'Sullivan retires

this month from St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Sacramento. As his parishioners, friends, family and colleagues gather to celebrate his decades of ministerial service, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting this outstanding citizen of Sacramento.

Father O'Sullivan hails from Ireland, where he was born in Beara and studied for the priesthood at St. Patrick's Seminary in Thurles. Shortly after being ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1956 he traveled to California to begin service in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento.

His first assignment in the diocese was as associate pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Redding. Father O'Sullivan then served at various northern California churches, including St. Lawrence Parish in North Highlands. He served as a Catholic chaplain to the Newman Center at the University of California at Davis from 1962 to 1965 and continued working with Catholic youth as chaplain of the Newman Center at American River College and as an educator at St. Francis High School in Sacramento.

In 1972 he accepted an assignment as a faculty member and director of campus ministry at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, CA. Later, Father O'Sullivan was called back to serve in the Diocese of Sacramento as associate pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Clarksburg.

In 1974 Father O'Sullivan was asked to establish a new parish in the Pocket area of Sacramento and was appointed by Bishop Alden J. Bell to be the founding pastor of St. Anthony Parish. During the past 30 years, he has presided over the parish's phenomenal growth. His natural charm and openness to people from all walks of life surely was responsible for much of that growth. The parish now has over 2,000 families and is highly regarded across the Sacramento region.

During his tenure as pastor, Father O'Sullivan oversaw the building of the church, a religious education center and later a rectory. Additionally, a multipurpose Memorial Center was built in 1996 and the parish offices were expanded in 2002. Father O'Sullivan had the foresight to suggest that the church be structured around a central point of assembly that would unify the parishioners. The result was a central plaza where parishioners gather before and after Mass and where community events are now held. In addition, Father O'Sullivan has encouraged St. Anthony members to extend their outreach beyond the parish boundaries by participating in numerous social programs in Sacramento.

Father O'Sullivan has served the Diocese of Sacramento in various capacities beyond his role of pastor. He has been dean of the City Deanery, director of continuing education of priests for the diocese, a member of the Council of Priests and the Priest's Personnel Board and an advisor in the Diocesan Synod process. He also took a sabbatical to study at the University of Louvain in Belgium, one of the great centers of Catholic learning.

Father O'Sullivan has been a visionary leader in implementing the reforms and vision of

the Catholic Church's Second Vatican Council. He urged his parishioners to not be afraid of discussing controversial issues, because he is certain that a healthy church is one that allows for the free exchange of ideas. Throughout his tenure, he has proven to be an effective consensus builder, a pragmatic thinker and a tireless worker, who has earned the respect and admiration of those who have worked with him.

Mr. Speaker, as Father O'Sullivan's parishioners, friends and colleagues gather to celebrate his great service in the ministry, I am truly honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most honorable citizens. We all have greatly benefited from having Father O'Sullivan's strong leadership in our community. His dedication to the people of Sacramento spans decades, many churches and thousands of families. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing Father O'Sullivan continued success and happiness in all of this future endeavors, wherever his retirement may lead him.

COMMEMORATING THE UNITED NATIONS AT ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United Nations at its 60th anniversary and honor the organization for its many contributions to humanity over the last 60 years.

The United Nations came into being on October 24, 1945, when 50 countries pledged to work to promote international peace, security and human rights after suffering through two World Wars and the Holocaust. Sixty years later, we have, indeed, avoided another global war and seen the U.N. protect the lives of millions by creating the circumstances for peace in some 170 disputes around the world.

The 21st century is profoundly different than the world in which the United Nations was created. Threats of terrorism, natural disaster, and poverty heighten the role that the United Nations plays in securing peace and stability worldwide. The United Nations promotes democracy where it has not existed, helping to build democratic institutions and hold elections in places like Afghanistan and Iraq. The United Nations operates 17 peacekeeping missions in regions of strategic importance to the United States, such as Sudan, the Middle East, the India-Pakistani border, and Haiti.

Then there are the important works of the United Nations affiliated organizations. The International Atomic Energy Agency is leading a global effort to secure nuclear materials and guarantee that they are used for legal and peaceful reasons. The World Food Program provides life-saving food assistance to millions of famine stricken people every year, while the

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Food and Agriculture Organization helps improve the long-term sustainability of providing good nutrition in developing countries. Efforts of the World Health Organization and UNICEF have drastically improved vaccination rates for preventable diseases in children. International conventions and programs undertaken by United Nations agencies have helped to strengthen the rights of women, refugees, and victims of human rights abuses, and 10 United Nations agencies are helping to treat and prevent the AIDS epidemic in 130 countries.

I congratulate the United Nations on the anniversary of its 60th year, and encourage the United States and Congress to further their support for a strong and effective United Nations.

HONORING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ABC-CLIO

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor 50 years of reference publishing and involvement with local community schools and libraries by the Santa Barbara publisher, ABC-CLIO. ABC-CLIO is a privately held company founded by the Boehm family and is now in its second generation of ownership. The company's corporate headquarters is located in Santa Barbara, California, with additional offices in Denver, Colorado, and Oxford, England.

Committed to serving the history profession and its teachers, as well as students and scholars of history, ABC-CLIO annually publishes approximately 80 encyclopedias, guides, and handbooks. Since 1991, this acclaimed reference book-line has won over 60 best-reference awards from the American Library Association and Library Journal.

The best-known publications by ABC-CLIO are the abstracting and indexing services, Historical Abstracts and America: History and Life, which together represent the largest bibliographic history database in the world. Its award-winning social studies databases reach students in thousands of schools nationally.

I commend Eric H. Boehm, Inge P. Boehm, Fritz Fellner, and John A.S. Grenville for founding Historical Abstracts 50 years ago. This pioneering publication connects the international community of historians, making writings of the international history community known and accessible to historians and history students worldwide.

ABC-CLIO is also committed to serving our local community by actively participating in Partners in Education, United Way, and numerous other local programs. ABC-CLIO and CEO Ron Boehm have supported the nationally recognized Computers for Families, which is the flagship program for Partners in Education, since its inception eight years ago.

I commend ABC-CLIO on its 50th Anniversary and recognize them for the important role they play in our community and our world by ensuring that historical scholarship is accessible to historians and students across the globe.

A TRIBUTE TO THE VISITING
NURSE ASSOCIATION OF HOLYOKE, MA

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Visiting Nurse Association, Inc for 100 years of service and care to the community of Holyoke, MA. Officially organized on November 28, 1905 at the Second Baptist Church of Holyoke, the District Nurse Association, as it was then known, began raising money to bring nursing to residents who were unable to access healthcare because of their humble origins.

In 1918, the association became incorporated and eventually, under the first supervisor, Emma Schenker, changed the name and became the Holyoke Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

In the early years this community-based nursing service evolved under the guidance of the National League for Nursing as a charter member. It established scholarships to promote the availability of nurses and found funding to continue the level of care needed for the city of Holyoke's blue collar workers and their families.

By 1956, 51 percent of the Holyoke Visiting Nurses funding came from the United Way, then known as the Holyoke Community Chest. In 1965 the agency became certified by Medicare and Medicaid and later purchased property for a permanent residence, both of which further stabilized their presence in the community of Holyoke.

The Holyoke Visiting Nurse Association went on to receive accreditation from the National League of Nursing in 1979. In 1984 they diversified into three affiliated subsidiaries so as to better serve their clients, and in 1990 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts licensed and certified Hospice Life Care specializing in caring for a patient's final stages of life.

During the early 1990's the VNA, with growth of 20 percent, was given official accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. Later in the same decade, because of service expansion to other geographic areas in the region, the VNA experienced unprecedented growth for a total of 211,334 visits and the serving of 2,912 patients by 400 employees in 1 year.

With the beginning of the new millennium, budget cuts from Medicaid and Medicare caused the VNA to reorganize, reduce workforce and office space, and to freeze wages in order to survive. Then in October of 2000 the Medicare Prospective Payment System changed the reimbursement environment and relieved the financial constraints on the agency.

Presently with advances in technology and the ability to monitor patients 7 days a week, the VNA is able to benchmark against State and national norms for quality of care and patient/customer satisfaction. In 2004 the agency received the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce Pacesetter Award for Non-Profit Operational Excellence.

In conclusion, the VNA for the past 100 years has maintained the primary theme of affordable patient care by making 2 million visits

to over 30,000 patients. I am proud to recognize the Holyoke Visiting Nurse Association for their dedication and commitment to the care of the residents of this region.

PROTECTION OF LAWFUL
COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, as the sponsor of H.R. 800, the virtually identical House version of this legislation, I rise today to clear up any questions that might arise when trying to understand the intent of S. 397 and what its enactment would accomplish. The Protection of Lawful Coercion in Arms Act will eliminate predatory lawsuits that would otherwise cripple an entire industry.

First, let me make two points about what the bill will not do. Nothing in the bill is intended to allow "leap-frogging" over the gun dealer to the manufacturer. The negligent entrustment provision applies specifically to the situation where a dealer knows or reasonably should know that a dangerous person is purchasing a firearm. When the manufacturer has done nothing but sell a legal, non-defective product according to the law, the negligent entrustment provision would not allow a plaintiff to pass of the gun dealer to get to the deeper pockets of the distributor or manufacturer.

The amendment in the Senate offered by Senators FRIST and CRAIG regarding "administrative proceedings" removed any confusion or misinformed rhetoric regarding the "administrative proceedings" section. This legislation will have no effect on the ability of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms or any administrative agency to revoke licenses or otherwise engage in administrative proceedings to punish bad acting manufacturers, distributors, or dealers, or otherwise enforce the laws and regulations that apply to them. While I do not think the amendment was necessary because neither my bill nor S. 397 as introduced by Senator CRAIG did so, now there can be no question. ATF is authorized to begin enforcement proceedings when a violation of our Nation's Federal gun laws has occurred.

I want the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to clearly reflect some specific examples of the type of predatory lawsuits this bill will immediately stop. The bill was drafted to require courts where these cases are pending or filed to dismiss them on their own motions, what the lawyers call *sua sponte*. One of the primary purposes of this legislation is to not force defendants to incur the additional costs and delay of filing motions and arguing, and certainly not to go through costly trials and appeals of cases that the bill requires be dismissed forthwith. The predatory lawsuits that this bill will stop are an abuse of courts and law-abiding businesses and individuals.

A clear cut example is the case of the City of New York v. Beretta USA Corp. et al, currently set for trial on November 27 in Federal court in Brooklyn, NY. The plaintiff has asserted that industry members have created a "public nuisance." The lawful sale of a highly regulated product later misused by criminals is not a public nuisance, and has never been

considered a public nuisance in American jurisprudence.

One such suit that S. 397 will stop is the suit by the District of Columbia and nine individual plaintiffs who have sued members of the firearms industry under a District statute that, unbelievably, imposes automatic and absolute liability. The statute in question says a manufacturer is liable "without regard to fault or proof of defect." There is also a case pending in Federal court in the District of Columbia in which a gun manufacturer is being sued under this very same statute—*Charlot v. Bushmaster*. The companies being sued under the District "automatic" liability law have no defense.

Another example is the case of *Ileto v. Glock*, in Federal court in Los Angeles, CA, against a manufacturer and a distributor who are being sued over a criminal shooting. The facts, if you can believe it, are that the manufacturer, Glock, sold the pistol later criminally misused, to a Washington State police department and the distributor being sued never owned, sold, nor possessed the firearm that was criminally misused.

Yet another example is the cases of *Hernandez v. Kahr Arms* and *Maisonet v. Kahr Arms* pending in State court in Massachusetts. Here a manufacturer, Kahr Arms, whose products are used by law enforcement across America, is being sued for a criminal shooting at a well-known gang hangout with a long history of drug use, drug dealing and violence. The criminal shooting was committed with an unfinished, but functioning firearm assembled from individual parts that were stolen from the factory over time by an ex-employee. Following the incident, James A. McNally of the ATF Boston Field Office told the local newspaper that theft from reputable gun manufacturers such as Kahr Arms is relatively rare. He went on to say, "[Kahr Arms] is the victim. They're not the problem."—*Worcester Telegraph & Gazette* at p. 1, March 18, 2000.

There is also a pending suit against members of the firearms industry by the city of Gary, IN, even though the State of Indiana has itself passed a State law similar in purpose and intent to S. 397.

In the days leading up to the Senate debate this summer lawyers from antigun interest groups rushed to the courthouse to file at least three such lawsuits, one in New York and two in Pennsylvania. There are reports that still more baseless lawsuits have been filed just this week.

Congress is properly acting here under its Commerce Clause powers, as we have done many times in the past. We are also rightly concerned, as is the Department of Defense, that if these lawsuits succeed in driving gun manufacturers out of business, the national defense will be harmed. The same is true for our homeland security, as these same companies make the firearms used by law enforcement. It is our obligation to take steps to protect a vital component of our national defense infrastructure—America's "Arsenal for Democracy."

The Constitution imposes upon Congress the duty to protect the second amendment and the right it provides to individuals to "keep and bear arms." This right will be a mere illusion if firearms manufacturers are driven out of business by predatory lawsuits.

Mr. Speaker, let me continue to be clear here as to the purpose and intent of this bill

so that creative lawyers cannot later try to come up with a creative argument to wiggle around this bill.

For instance, the intent of Congress and this bill cannot be evaded or avoided by, for example, claiming that a public nuisance suit against manufacturers or sellers is based on criminals who unlawfully or criminally possess firearms but who may have not discharged them in the commission of a crime. In other words, as the author of this legislation, I want my colleagues and our fellow Americans to understand that, under the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, a "Qualified Civil Liability Action" covers criminal/unlawful possession, that includes, as used in the act, "misuse means and includes possession".

I would also like to use this opportunity to clear up some other concerns and misunderstandings. Some have asked, "Does the language in section 5 create new civil liability for a gun owner, if the person does not use a 'secure gun storage or safety device' and the person's gun is stolen and misused?" I would say quite forcefully that the answer is a resounding "No." The fact is, there are almost no cases finding gun owners liable for misuse of stolen guns. Both the theft and the later crime are "superseding acts" that "break the chain" of causation under traditional tort law.

I would tell my colleagues that the only way section 5 could create liability would be if a court thought it created a new duty or a new standard of care for gun owners. However, the language specifically states that it does not "create a cause of action against any Federal firearms licensee or any other person for any civil liability [or] establish any standard of care."

Finally, compliance or noncompliance could not even be used as evidence, except against a dealer who failed to sell the required locks, or by a gun owner who wanted to present his use of a safety device as a defense against a civil suit. On that point, section 5 provides a new defense, not a new line of attack.

The purpose of the liability protection language in section 5 is to address gun owners' concern that the "secure gun storage or safety device" requirement would expose them to a new kind of lawsuits. The language neither creates nor eliminates liability for gun owners who use safety devices; in effect, it leaves the common law rules unchanged for those gun owners.

If individual gun owners' liability for stolen guns becomes a major national issue like the suits against the industry, it could be the subject of additional legislation. The Indiana legislature changed Indiana law to prevent exactly this type of lawsuit after a court decision opened that door.

Mr. Speaker, I have made these remarks to ensure that anyone trying to evade the letter and spirit of this legislation will have as little "wiggle room" as possible. It is my hope that I have done just that.

SALUTE TO HURRICANE
VOLUNTEER GARY LOUDERMILK

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that

opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the gulf coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one man and his donation. Gary Loudermilk, the Executive Director of the Denton Baptist Association, helped provide Hurricane Katrina evacuees with a place to stay at Camp Copass.

Camp Copass is a known as Texas' first "Full-Service" Baptist camp. They normally provide summer camp for kids of all ages, but during this time of need, they donated their time, space and money for Katrina evacuees.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Gary Loudermilk for his donation. It is people like him that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through his contribution, he not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but he serves as an inspiration to others.

HONORING THE OLDER WOMEN'S
LEAGUE ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to an organization with a great record of service to older and midlife women throughout the United States. For the past 25 years, the Older Women's League has worked tirelessly and successfully to protect and improve the economic, health and social equity needs of aging women. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting the 25th anniversary of the Older Women's League, the only national grassroots organization in America to provide a voice to the over 58 million American women who are over the age of 40.

Founded in 1980 following a White House Mini-Conference on Older Women in Des Moines, Iowa, the Older Women's League (OWL) has grown to over 40 local chapters and 4,500 members nationwide. The members of these local OWL chapters engage in nationwide education and advocacy campaigns to place issues of interest to older women in the public spotlight and on the legislative agenda.

OWL members have worked diligently to highlight key older women's health issues including the Medicare prescription drug benefit, mental health awareness, osteoporosis and better nutrition. In addition, the organization has launched a recent campaign geared toward women of all ages, entitled "Social Security Matters." This campaign educates women on the importance of Social Security and why privatization could jeopardize their retirement.

Perhaps one of the most important initiatives that OWL undertakes each year is the OWL Mother's Day Report. The first OWL Mother's Day Report was released shortly after the organization's inception and provides an in-depth analysis of a particular matter of concern to older and midlife women ranging in subjects from Caregiving to Age and Sex Discrimination in America's Labor Force.

Another important accomplishment for which OWL has been nationally recognized has

been the establishment of the Older Americans' Mental Health Week, which occurs during the last full week of May each year. This yearly public awareness campaign is designed to highlight the many misperceptions associated with mental illness and aging. To bring national attention to mental health, OWL partners with several mental health and senior citizen organizations, including the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry, American Society on Aging, AARP, American Association of People with Disabilities, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance and Families for Depression Awareness.

Finally, it has been an honor to have a local advocate for OWL at our side, Betty Perry. Betty Perry has been instrumental at the Sacramento OWL chapter and OWL of California in providing a powerful voice for older women in regards to prescription drug benefits, equal pensions for older women and fighting against Social Security privatization.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Older Women's League's 25 years of advocacy and empowerment of women. I am confident that this organization will continue to play a crucial role in bringing national attention to issues affecting midlife and older women. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing the Older Women's League continued success in all its future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ADDOLORATA
IMMACOLATA GILI—DEDICATION
OF MAMA GILI'S PLACE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to honor the memory of a very special person, the late Addolorata (Dolores) Immacolata Gili, and to offer my congratulations to her family and friends, and to the people whose lives she touched in my Congressional District of Orange, New Jersey. Mama Gili, as she was affectionately known, was being honored on Saturday October 22, 2005 for her faithful devotion to God, her community and humankind. She was the proud mother of five children, Helen, Florida, Claudia, Caesar and Joseph Jr., and the "adoptive" mother to many people in the Orange community.

She emigrated from Atripalda, Italy to the United States in 1909 and initially stayed with her brother, Umberto, in Brooklyn, New York. After moving to Orange, New Jersey, to live with another brother, she met her future husband, Joseph F. Gili, whom she married in 1913.

Always a true believer in the omnipresent power and love of God, Mama Gili knew that her life would be guided by His principles of service to others. She opened her home to many Italian immigrants as they transitioned to a new life in the U.S. She also always made time to lend an ear and give devout advice to people in her community.

Even though she prematurely lost her husband and endured the hardships of the Great Depression as a single mother, her faith never wavered. In 1953, she returned, for the first time, to her hometown in Italy where she had

a providential meeting with a Franciscan priest. He showed her a picture of the Holy Face of Jesus from the Shroud of Turin. After seeing this image, Mama Gili dedicated her life, until her death in 1985, to spreading the Word about the Holy Face to those in her community.

She was honored by the Italian Tribune newspaper with the Woman of the Year award in 1965 for her work with many charities and, for helping both to establish the Capuchin Franciscan Friars and to organize the Third Order of St. Francis in Orange. This past Saturday, she was again being honored with the dedication of Minton Place between Lincoln Avenue and Scotland Road in Orange, NJ. Renamed "Mama Gili Place", this memorial will be a tribute to her steadfast dedication to her faith and community.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mama Gili's friends and family on their efforts to keep her legacy alive. I also wish them continued success on their journey towards her Beatification/Canonization to Sainthood.

PROTECTION OF LAWFUL
COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of S. 397, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

I am an original cosponsor of the House version of this legislation because I do not believe that licensed gun manufacturers and merchants should be held legally responsible for the unlawful use of their lawful products. Continuing to allow these frivolous lawsuits could set a dangerous precedent for future lawsuits affecting many other industries across the nation. By passing this similar Senate bill, we will prevent state courts from bankrupting the national firearms industry and undermining all citizens' constitutional right to bear arms.

Tort law rests upon a foundation of individual responsibility where a product may not be defined as defective unless there is something wrong with the product, rather than with the product's user. It is ridiculous to allow such lawsuits to clog our courtrooms and hinder those with valid claims from receiving justice.

Today, this Congress has the opportunity to address unfounded lawsuits and guard a legal and law-abiding industry. We should pass this legislation to protect the rights of citizens who own and operate firearms in a legal manner, and to free up our courtrooms for those legitimately harmed by defective products.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this sensible legislation and set a precedent of respect for an industry which has done nothing wrong. We should hold individuals responsible for their crime, not the product manufacturer.

NATIONAL GAUCHER FOUNDATION
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, last month, September, the National Gaucher Foundation devoted its efforts to publicizing what the foundation calls "the most prevalent genetic disease facing United States Jews." The National Gaucher Foundation is dedicated to combating this disease that affects significant numbers of Ashkenazi Jews. While the disease is very debilitating, it is treatable, and it is therefore particularly important that people learn a great deal about it so that those who do suffer from it or are threatened from it are aware of what can be done to treat it. I commend the work of the National Gaucher Foundation, and I encourage people, particularly Ashkenazi Jews who may well be vulnerable to it, to take advantage of the foundation's work to gain knowledge that may be of significant benefit for their health and that of their families.

FISCAL SPENDING CONSTRAINT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, President Reagan once said, "We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much." I wish others would heed his words and begin exercising more fiscal constraint.

We should start with our own paychecks and truly lead the American people by actions and not words.

I have introduced a bill—Rescind the Congressional Pay Raise Act, which rescinds Members' salaries back to last year's pay level. We cannot, in good conscience, entitle ourselves to more money while others continue to willingly make sacrifices for the sake of our Nation's future.

Mr. Speaker, now is the critical time for Congress to step up to the plate and do what is necessary to control this spending gone awry. Let us start with ourselves.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL MARINES
FROM INDIA COMPANY FOR
THEIR SERVICE TO THIS NATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to express thanks to the Marines from India Company who have just completed a tour of duty where they fought heroically on behalf of the United States of America.

The brave soldiers from India Company were deployed to Iraq in March of this year to aid in Operation Iraqi Freedom and have just recently returned to be with their families in western New York.

In particular, I would like to recognize Sgt. Eugene O'Connor, Cpl Joshua O'Connor, PVT Matthew Shaw, Sgt Gary Spengler Jr., PVT Jarred Leavitt, Cpl William Maher, Sgt James Thompson, LCpl Chris Manns, LCpl Jason Florea and Cpl Jonathan Monaco, our local heroes who selflessly defended peaceful international relations and helped secure freedom for the Iraqi people. Each played an integral role in their company and deserve our recognition and respect.

Through their valiant efforts they assisted stabilizing the city of Hit in the province of Al Anbar, protecting Iraqis and their comrades, aiding in the arrest of 116 insurgents, and assisting in exposing over 150 weapons stores and 160 bombs.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of the 27th Congressional District and all Americans I wish to extend my sincerest gratitude to these courageous and noble soldiers. Their service and sacrifices help protect the safety and freedoms that make this Nation great.

CONGRATULATING MARIELA AGUILLON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Mariela Aguillon for receiving the PacifiCare Latino Health Scholarship.

Since 2003, PacifiCare has awarded \$356,000.00 to 155 deserving students in the Latino Health Scholars program. This program was created to educate students about career opportunities for Hispanics and Latinos in the healthcare field. In order to qualify for this \$2,000.00 scholarship, applicants are required to demonstrate a grade point average of 3.0 or better and be fluent in Spanish and English. In addition, applicants must be enrolled in an approved health care program at a university, community college or accredited technical college.

According to the Office of Minority Health, there is a nationwide shortage of bilingual and bicultural professionals in the health care field. Specifically, the shortage of Spanish speaking personnel in nursing and other allied health professions, coupled with the growth of the Latino population in the United States, requires training and recruitment of an ever-greater number of qualified professionals. Mr. Russell Bennett, Vice President of PacifiCare's Latino Health Solutions, notes that the Latino Health Scholars program has "made a positive difference in the lives of these deserving youths who are beginning their journey toward realizing their academic and professional aspirations."

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Mariela Aguillon on receiving this scholarship funded by the PacifiCare Foundation. As a doctor of over 21 years, I commend Ms. Aguillon's dedication and desire to help others by pursuing a career in the health care profession.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 2005
SACRAMENTO MONARCHS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the 2005 Sacramento Monarchs, the deserving winners of the 2005 Women's National Basketball Association championship. The 2005 Monarchs successfully beat the Connecticut Sun three games to one in a thrilling best of five games series to be crowned WNBA royalty. By winning the 2005 WNBA championship series, the Sacramento Monarchs gave Sacramento its first national title in professional basketball. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting the triumphant 2005 Sacramento Monarchs.

The 2005 Sacramento Monarchs were comprised of an outstanding blend of seasoned professionals with several years of WNBA experience under their belts, as well as young, talented recent college graduates. The team was led by Yolanda Griffith, a former WNBA MVP and four-time WNBA All-Star. During the regular season, Griffith averaged nearly fourteen points and over six rebounds a game. Against the Sun, when it mattered the most, she increased her averages to eighteen points and ten rebounds a game and was named Finals MVP.

During the playoffs, point guard Ticha Penicheiro led the league in assists, and averaged five a game throughout the Monarchs' playoff run. She was recently recognized in her hometown of Figueira da Foz, Portugal, with the "Medalha de Honra ao Merito Desportivo," a medal honoring her outstanding achievement in the WNBA.

In addition, the 2005 WNBA Championship team was assisted by the contributions of many other great players including Olympia Scott-Richardson, DeMya Walker, Kara Lawson, Rebekkah Brunson, and Nicole Powell. All of these Monarchs proved themselves to be among the best in the entire league. Whether a veteran or a recent addition, every member of the championship team demonstrated excellent team work, dedication, and integrity as they fought their way to win the title. Later this month, the entire team will find themselves on supermarket shelves across the country, as they will be the first WNBA team featured on a Wheaties box.

Besides having an extremely talented roster, the Monarchs could not have gone as far as they did without the commitment of a great coaching staff and an uncompromising leadership team in the front office. On the bench, head coach John Whisenant and his able assistant coaches Tom Abatemarco, Steve Shuman, and Monique Ambers each contributed countless hours of film watching, strategizing, and coaching to transform the Monarchs into champions.

In the front office, the Monarchs are led by the ownership of the Maloof Family and the astute management of team president John Thomas. Under the Maloofs, the Sacramento Monarchs have taken great steps to gain a widespread following among area fans. Given the team's commitment to their fans, it is no wonder that Sacramento fans are so loyal to

their professional sports teams. In September, over 3,000 fans cheered the Monarchs on as they paraded through downtown Sacramento with the WNBA championship trophy.

Mr. Speaker, as the Sacramento Monarchs revel in their most successful season in their nine year history and prepare for another outstanding season, I am honored to pay tribute to the many hardworking women and men of the Monarchs' franchise. Over the past few months, they have brought so much joy and civic pride to the city of Sacramento. Their success and loyal following is truly a testament to the ever increasing importance of women's professional sports, and it is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to commend them on their accomplishments. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the Sacramento Monarchs on a memorable season and wishing them continued success in the future.

RECOGNITION OF MRS. BONNIE
MANLEY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Bonnie Marley of San Diego, California and Mr. Ron Blackman of Fort Wayne, Indiana. These special individuals dedicated their lives to educating the United States' next generation of cosmetologists. Mrs. Manley and Mr. Blackman were owners of Pivot Point International member schools, part of a global beauty education company headquartered in my district. They honorably supported the company's philanthropic commitment to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC).

Mrs. Manley was passionate about the welfare of children. Whether it was caring for her own grandchildren, or a missing child hundreds of miles away, she inspired her students to raise more than \$50,000 for NCMEC.

Ron Blackman refused to allow even a disaster to stop his commitment to the National Center. Despite severe flood damage to his school, he continued to raise money. Each year their students joined hundreds of others nationwide to raise money for NCMEC. Their contributions are now approaching the \$500,000 mark.

Tragically, both of these amazing individuals have recently passed away. To honor their commitment to children, the Pivot Point Member Schools have created the "Manley-Blackman Spirit Award." This award will be given to a Pivot Point school owner, faculty member, or staff person who demonstrates a willingness to push limits, has shown a commitment to community service, inspires others to be the best they can be, and demonstrates perseverance in the face of adversity. I hope that all my colleagues join me in recognizing the lives and achievements of Bonnie Manley and Ron Blackman.

THANKING OREGON SCIENCE
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I would like to state for the record my thanks to the Oregon Science Teachers Association for its participation in National Chemistry Week.

Just last week, the Oregon Science Teachers Association focused one of the sessions at its annual convention on National Chemistry Week. The session provided Oregon science teachers with the opportunity to learn how to incorporate National Chemistry Week into their classroom, providing them with projects and lab ideas.

I thank every Oregon science teacher for their participation. Oregon science teachers are molding the next generation of scientists.

ASSISTANCE FOR ORPHANS AND
VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN DE-
VELOPING COUNTRIES ACT OF
2005

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation is a lead organization in providing pediatric care and treatment to children with HIV. In mid-September, the Foundation held a briefing on this important issue, and brought to the halls of Congress a brave HIV-positive 12-year-old girl from Uganda named Josephine Nabukenya, who presented testimony and a poem on HIV that was extremely moving and brought the audience to a stand-still.

This young girl has lost siblings to HIV and almost lost her mother as well. Thanks to appropriate care and lifesaving medications, she and her family are healthy and remain together. Josephine not only represents a story of hope that comes with the availability of care and treatment, but as the president of a group called the Young Positive Generation, she is spreading hope and knowledge to her peers and their families. I would like to insert into the RECORD her testimony.

JOSEPHINE NABUKENYA, KAMPALA, UGANDA
CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING ON PEDIATRIC
TREATMENT, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

My name is Josephine Nabukenya, I am 12 years old and I go to school at Kasubi Church of Uganda. I was born HIV positive and got the disease from my mother, who also suffers from HIV/AIDS. Luckily, my HIV does not limit what I do very much, and I still go to school. I am not on any medicines right now, but I do go for regular examinations where my HIV is monitored.

I found out that I was HIV positive when my mother was getting sick regularly. My mother told me to go and arrange her bedroom, and when I did I saw her diary under the pillowcase. I read it and it said that she was HIV positive, along with my father, me and my little sister. I kept quiet and she also kept quiet, but later she disclosed this to me and I told her that I had known when I read

her diary. She disclosed to my teacher and headmaster and I felt bad when I decided to write my poem. My mother is now on medicines that help her HIV and she is better able to take care of us children.

I am part of a child support group called, the Young Positive Generation, and I am the Chairperson. The Young Positive Generation group brings children with HIV/AIDS together. We talk about HIV/AIDS, we sing, dance, play and we give testimonies. This has helped me to be firm and not to be shy in public because I knew that I am not the only one in the school with HIV. Now I am strong, I can play and I can do whatever thing comes.

HIV HIV HIV

HIV is a dangerous virus

HIV causes AIDS

AIDS is a bad disease

Oh what a disease it is

Many children lost their parents because of AIDS

Many parents lost their children because of AIDS

Our beloved ones are dead because of AIDS

Oh what a cumbersome disease it is

Ugandans, what should we do to fight AIDS? We should fight AIDS in the following ways:

1. By use of condoms
2. Children should abstain from sex before marriage
3. Blood must be tested for HIV
4. Blood must be tested before being given to sick people who lack blood
5. Pregnant mothers should be given drugs in order to prevent mother to child transmission of HIV

Our government, president, government of USA, President Bush, doctors, nurses, teachers, parents and guardians, help us we are dying.

We should KICK

We should KICK

We should KICK AIDS OUT OF THE WORLD

SALUTE TO HURRICANE
VOLUNTEER WILLIAM SCHULTZ

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the gulf coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of north Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one man, his store and his donation. William Schultz, from Circle C Construction, donated \$1,000 in clothing and videos during Hurricane Katrina.

Circle C Construction is located in Fort Worth. They provide services such as installation, building and contracting, and utility contracting.

I stand here today to sincerely thank William Schultz for his donation. It is people like him that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through his contribution, he not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but he serves as an inspiration to others.

HONORING UNION VALE MIDDLE
SCHOOL

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize the marvelous response of the students of Union Vale Middle School in Lagrangeville, New York to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Hurricane Katrina caused such extensive devastation that has had a profound effect on the entire country. When Hurricane Katrina made landfall on August 29, 2005, as a Category 4 storm, millions of American lives were changed forever. Americans in the Gulf Coast lost their families, homes, business, schools and communities. Intense rains, wind, flooding and tornadoes caused by Hurricane Katrina resulted in immense devastation of the Gulf Coast states. The residents of the affected areas are trying to find a way to rebuild their lives, despite returning to a lack of water, food and shelter.

Americans across the nation felt the effects of Hurricane Katrina. To this day, Americans continue to donate money, time and effort to help rebuild this devastated part of the country. States across the country have taken in evacuees and are helping them find shelter and rebuild their lives. Colleges and universities have welcomed students displaced by Katrina to their campuses. Americans have opened their hearts to their fellow citizens.

This great relief effort can be seen in the community of students, faculty and parents from Union Vale Middle School in Lagrangeville, New York. Upon learning of the terrible devastation caused by Katrina, Union Vale Middle School set to work raising funds to support the victims. The middle school established a "Katrina Relief Week", which included a "Walk to Higher Ground" walk-a-thon, bake sale, silent auction with prizes donated by faculty, staff and local businesses, along with a Faculty Benefit Showcase. In all, the community of Union Vale Middle School raised over \$26,000. This is a marvelous accomplishment and a heartfelt donation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

I would like to recognize the Union Vale Middle School community for their remarkable efforts for raising money for the areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The students, faculty and staff dedicated a great amount of time and money to this cause, demonstrating their concern for and compassion towards their fellow citizens. Union Vale Middle School is an exemplary community whose invaluable dedication to helping our nation deserves our recognition.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO
WHITE SOX ON WINNING THE
PENNANT

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago White Sox for winning their first pennant since 1959. On the

strength of its pitching staff, clutch hitting and expert managing, the White Sox led the American League with 99 victories in the regular season and won an American League Central Division title.

Ozzie Guillen, a long-time White Sox player, managed the team to a sweep of the defending champion Boston Red Sox in American League Division Series. The team followed that impressive feat with a victory over the Anaheim Angels in five games in the American League Championship Series, led by series MVP Paul Konerko and tremendous starting pitching. Jose Contreras, Mark Buehrle, Jon Garland and Freddy Garcia pitched consecutive complete game victories for the Sox in the ALCS, an accomplishment not seen since 1956.

I'd also like to extend my personal congratulations to Jerry Reinsdorf, who is the owner of this historic franchise, and one of the most dominant teams in NBA history, the Chicago Bulls. Jerry was born in Brooklyn, New York, but he has made his mark on Chicago history, providing North and South Siders alike with years of excitement and memories. Jerry has been the head of these historic franchises for over 20 years, during which the Bulls won six World Championships, and the White Sox won 4 division titles and one pennant.

Jerry is also to be commended for his work in ensuring that these historic franchises remained where they belong, in Chicago. In an era when countless sports franchises abandoned their local fan base to move to the suburbs or new cities, Jerry oversaw the construction of new stadiums for the White Sox and Bulls, directly across the street from their former locations. He has also been instrumental in the community outreach efforts of his teams and has been a credit to the Chicago community. Jerry has also exhibited a strong community spirit and work ethic in his other work as an attorney, certified public accountant and real-estate developer.

As a lifelong North Sider I must admit that I'm a little wistful seeing the activity at U.S. Cellular Field while Wrigley Field goes into another quiet October, but I'm thrilled to join first fan Mayor Richard M. Daley and all of Chicago in hoping the White Sox can win it all for the first time since 1917. I wish manager Ozzie Guillen, general manager Ken Williams, owner Jerry Reinsdorf and all the players and loyal fans the best of luck against the Houston Astros in the World Series. Go Sox!

TRIBUTE TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE RECORDING ACADEMY HONORS

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Craig Brewer, Isaac Hayes, David Porter, Justin Timberlake and WDIA. On Saturday, October 22, 2005, they were honored by the Memphis Chapter of the Recording Academy for their contribution to our city and the greater creative community.

From W.C. Handy, the father of the blues, B.B. King, Otis Redding, Jerry Lee Lewis, Wilson Pickett, and Al Green to Sam and Dave, Carl Perkins, Rufus Thomas, Roy Orbison and

Elvis Presley, Memphis has long been known for fostering creativity and musical talent. W.C. Handy first made traditional blues music popular, and in the 1950s, Memphis based artists synthesized blues and country into "rockabilly," the precursor to rock and roll. At Sun Studios, Sam Phillips helped discover the legends—Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and others—that made Memphis the birthplace of rock and roll. In the 1960s, as the *Almanac of American Politics* said, "Memphis once again became the crucible of a new sound, soul music, which emerged as a counterpoint to rock," with the Stax sound and artists such as Isaac Hayes, Booker T. and the MG's and Rufus Thomas.

Mr. Speaker, that creative tradition is alive and well in Memphis as demonstrated by the success of the Recording Academy's honorees.

So much of our city's creative success would not have been possible without the existence of WDIA. It has given a venue to local artists who have gone on to national and international fame. At a time of public and private segregation, WDIA broke down racial barriers. It is still an instrumental part of making our community a better place to live and work.

As one of the most popular music artists performing today, Justin Timberlake is the latest superstar to carry on the Memphis music legacy. Drawing from our rich and diverse music traditions to create multi-platinum records, Justin has earned a rightful place in the pantheon of stars our city has produced over the years.

At Stax Records, Isaac Hayes and David Porter were a dynamic and creative duo that churned out a unique musical sound that became popular throughout the world. We are fortunate that both are still active artists and that Stax has undergone a reincarnation as the Stax Museum of American Soul Music and the Stax Music Academy where young people are receiving music education and academic skills.

Long part of the Memphis film scene, Craig Brewer was recently catapulted onto the national stage with his critically acclaimed film *Hustle & Flow*. Our special brand of hip-hop music and film making is getting national exposure as the result of his work. We look forward to his next endeavor about the blues entitled *Black Snake Moan*.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the following description of the honorees provided by the Recording Academy be included in the *RECORD* and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their accomplishments.

Craig Brewer: True to the spirit of this city's indomitable, independent tradition, Memphis film maker Craig Brewer is a self-made man. Like Clarence Saunders, Sam Phillips, Elvis Presley, Fred Smith, and dozens more entrepreneurs and free thinkers who have helped put Memphis on the map, Brewer has succeeded where others might fear to even try. In 2000, this unknown screenwriter/director walked away with the Hollywood Film Festival's Best Digital Feature Award on the basis of his self-financed project *The Poor and Hungry*. Four years later, Brewer struck gold with his hometown rap epic *Hustle & Flow*, which won the Audience Award at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival and was subsequently purchased by MTV Films. Now Brewer is applying his midas touch to the fictional story of a rural bluesman, played by actor Samuel L.

Jackson. The Paramount Classics film, *Black Snake Moan*, is currently in production in Memphis with Christina Ricci, Justin Timberlake, and David Banner.

Isaac Hayes & David Porter: They started out as just a couple of talented Memphis kids trying to make it in the local music scene. Fate brought them to Stax Records. David Porter got there first and became Stax's first staff songwriter. But it was when Grammy-winner Isaac Hayes joined the Stax family that the equation was complete: Hayes + Porter = Southern Soul's premier songwriting duo. They fueled the success of Stax and Atlantic Records with such classics as "Soul Man," "Hold On, I'm Coming," and "When Something is Wrong With My Baby." They also were producers and artists, turning out hit records under their own names. Hayes went on to become the first Amcan-American composer to win the Oscar (for the timeless classic "Theme from Shaft" from Shaft), while Porter became one of Memphis most prominent Amcan-American entrepreneurs. Together they bear the distinction of having had national chart hits in five consecutive decades—a testimony to the enduring quality of their teamwork. Their recent induction into the International Songwriters Hall of Fame cements what their hometown has long known. As Rodgers & Hammerstein were to Broadway, the Gershwins to classic pop and Leiber & Stoller to early rock and roll, Hayes & Porter are to Memphis soul—simply the best there ever was.

Justin Timberlake: Grammy-winning artist Justin Timberlake is simply the hottest pop music artist to come from the Mid-South since Elvis Presley. Born and raised in the Shelby Forest area north of Memphis, the platinum-selling artist, all of 24, has gone from one mega-success to another. At 14, Justin joined *NSYNC a five-member band based in Orlando, Fla. That group would go on to become one of the biggest acts of the past decade, inciting a Beatles-like hysteria in its legion of fans. In 2002, Timberlake went solo; proving that life after the group craze could be even better. His solo debut, *Justified*, racked up numerous awards, including two Grammys and went on to sell nearly 7 million records worldwide. Not only is he a talented singer, dancer, composer, producer and actor, Timberlake is also a philanthropist who believes in fostering music education. In 2001, The Justin Timberlake Foundation began fulfilling its mission by providing grants to schools in need of instruments, sheet music, or staffing, as well as to non-profit organizations, which provide much needed after-school music programs.

WDIA is the first radio station in America that was programmed entirely by Amcan-Americans for Amcan-Americans. It empowered a huge segment of the population that was, until the late 1940s, largely unrecognized. The Goodwill Station, as it came to be known, was an unprecedented pioneer in community involvement, setting new standards of civic responsibility for the electronic media. Its annual Goodwill and Starlight Revues played to capacity crowds, and all the money raised was used for charitable activities. Drawing from talent throughout the Mid-South, WDIA was the opportunity unknown performers were praying for. Local talents such as Rufus Thomas, Dwight "Gatemouth" Moore, and Maurice "Hot Rod" Hulbert began as disc jockeys. Entertainers such as B.B. King and Bobby Blue Bland began the road to

fame plugging their gigs at local clubs, while their music received airtime on WDIA. With WDIA's emergence, the broadcasting landscape for Amcan-Americans changed forever.

Established in 1957, the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, Inc., also known as The Recording Academy, is an organization of musicians, producers, engineers and recording professionals that is dedicated to improving the cultural condition and quality of life for music and its makers. Internationally known for the Grammy Awards, The Recording Academy is responsible for groundbreaking professional development, cultural enrichment, advocacy, education and human services programs.

**SALUTE TO HURRICANE
VOLUNTEER MICHAEL RAMSEY**

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the states along the Gulf Coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one man, his store and his donation. Michael Ramsey, the Vice President of Christian Community Action participated in the Albertsons Food Relief Donation during hurricane Katrina.

Since 1973, Christian Community Action has provided spiritual and physical assistance to communities and families in need. CCA is a grass-roots nonprofit organization that provides food, clothing, housing and vital personal services to destitute families throughout North Texas. From the headquarters in Old Town Lewisville, CCA assists more than 15,000 people every year.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Michael Ramsey for his donation. It is people like him that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through his contribution, he not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but he serves as an inspiration to others.

**HONORING DR. MARIA GUAJARDO
LUCERO**

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Maria Guajardo Lucero. As we recognize Hispanic Heritage Month, we acknowledge the immeasurable contributions that Hispanic-Americans have made to enrich our culture and inform our values. The wealth of literature, film, art, music, and cuisine is evident throughout America, but even more so in my part of the country, the West. Core Latino values—hard work, faith, family, and love of country—are values we all respect and admire.

The West is largely a story written in Spanish and Hispanic peoples. Whether as conquerors, founders or new immigrants, Hispanic people have shaped the country.

So it was for Maria Guajardo Lucero, whose parents came to this country with six young children hoping to make good on the "American Dream." Her mother had a second grade education and her father never went to school. As she has said, "Between both of my parents they have never read a book." Yet they were wise in setting very high expectations for their daughter. They expected academic excellence because they knew that an education was her best opportunity to have a better life. Maria understood this at a very young age. She says, "I determined to make growing up easier for other children."

Maria set high goals for herself and she reached them.

She graduated with honors from Harvard University and earned her Masters and PhD from the University of Denver. In addition, she is also a graduate of the Kennedy School of Government Programs for Senior Executives in State and Local Government. Dr. Guajardo Lucero is now the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for Education and Children in Denver, where she oversees programs that include early childhood education (Head Start) to post-secondary education.

I had the opportunity to work with her recently on the "Education to Elevate Colorado's Economy" (E3) Summit. She is as articulate on the subject of student preparedness as anyone I have ever heard. She points out that children in classrooms today are not only competing with children from other schools in America, but also with children on a global scale. Children today need to be prepared to compete with students from China, Russia, India, and around the world. If the United States is to retain its strength in the world, we must be prepared to compete in the global marketplace, and that means in the marketplace of ideas—the marketplace of excellence.

Dr. Guajardo Lucero insists that we hold all students to the same high academic standards, regardless of their race or socio-economic status. I agree with her when she says that we should ensure that each student graduates high school and is prepared to enter college after graduation. Rationalizing that we should expect less from those who have less does an unconscionable disservice to our underserved populations. It also runs contrary to the instincts of any parent who naturally perceives boundless potential for their own child, so how can we hope for anything less for other children?

If anyone can illustrate this in real life it is Dr. Maria Guajardo Lucero.

I also want to note that Dr. Guajardo Lucero is a graduate of the Colorado Outward Bound School. She participated and graduated in this program when I was the head of this school, and at a time when I was trying to bring Outward Bound's leadership program to a more diverse population. While I signed her graduation certificate, I did not lead her course, but I am reliably informed by those who knew her at the time that she is a courageous rock climber.

Nothing speaks more to our collective ideals than our investment in public education. The foundation of American society is based on the principle that each of us ought to have the opportunity to achieve our full potential. Dr.

Maria Guajardo Lucero serves as an example of this ideal in practice. Whether one is fortunate enough to share in her Latino heritage or not, it is an ideal every American can appreciate.

**A TRIBUTE TO DR. ATUL B.
CHOKSHI**

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Atul B. Chokshi, a member of the Brooklyn community and a distinguished member of the healthcare profession. It is an honor to represent Dr. Chokshi in the House of Representatives and it behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader in American Medicine.

Mr. Speaker, on Dr. Atul B. Chokshi's resume he states that his life's goals are to "be as complete a cardiologist as possible" and "to be as nice and loving a human being as possible." To the thousands of people of the Interfaith Medical Center community who have been touched by Dr. Chokshi's gentleness and caring nature, he has already met his life's goals.

Born and trained in India, with an 18-month stint in England, Dr. Chokshi has been with Interfaith Medical Center for nearly his entire medical career. Joining one of Interfaith Medical Center's predecessor hospitals, Jewish Hospital and Medical Center of Brooklyn, or "Brooklyn Jewish" in the summer of 1978 as an Intern in Internal Medicine. Dr. Chokshi has served in a variety of positions leading up to his being named the Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

As head of Interfaith Medical Center's Cardiac Cath Lab since 1993, Dr. Chokshi has pioneered thoughtful and gentle cardiology care. In November 2004, Dr. Chokshi launched the City's first Walk-in-Walk-Out transradial cardiac catheterization program. Virtually painless and allowing the patient to go home to resume normal activity within an hour, Interfaith Medical Center's Walk-in-Walk-Out service involves inserting the catheter into the radial artery at the wrist for complete cardiac evaluation and even a peripheral angiogram can be done at the same time without the use of the femoral artery.

In addition to being a brilliant physician, Dr. Chokshi is an ardent student of the Bhagawad Gita, which inspired him to combine his devotion to the teachings of Lord Krishna with his cardiology expertise to help establish The Krishna Heart Institute in Ahmedabad, India. Since its opening in 2000, The Krishna Heart Institute has performed more than 4000 open heart surgeries and 25,000 other life-saving procedures.

Dr. Chokshi is married to Dr. Vandana Chokshi, a radiologist with a subspecialty in Nuclear Medicine and Chief of both Radiology and Nuclear Medicine at Interfaith Medical Center. Drs. Atul and Vandana Chokshi have a daughter, Krishna.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments and selfless service of Dr. Chokshi as he offers his talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our local and national communities.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Chokshi has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes this kind gentleman and master scientist most worthy of our recognition today.

HONORING MR. JACK C. SMITH,
FOUNDER OF K-VA-T FOODS,
FOOD CITY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my admiration and respect for Mr. Jack C. Smith, the creative entrepreneur and community leader responsible for K-VA-T Foods, Food City. Although Mr. Smith resides in Virginia, his impact has reached thousands of households in East Tennessee.

As Members of this body, we frequently have the opportunity to recognize the achievements of our constituents and these achievements are quite often remarkable. Today, though, we have the distinct honor to recognize a man who has consistently embodied what we respectfully call the great American spirit.

Mr. Smith was born into a small rural coalmining community in Southern Virginia. From an early age he showed signs of leadership and recognized the greatness of his Nation. Young Jack set as his life's goal service in the United States Navy and on Flag Day, 1944, Jack Smith joined the ranks of our Navy's finest as a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy.

In 1947, he graduated from Annapolis and was married to his wife, Judy Smith. From 1947 until 1954, Mr. Smith served his Country with distinction. Following an honorable discharge, Mr. Smith and his wife returned to the hills of Virginia.

It was here that Mr. Smith's eye for business became focused. Recognizing the community's need for a supermarket style grocery, Mr. Smith, with his family's support, set about to meet that need.

Today, 50 years have passed since that first grocery store opened its doors, but the focus on excellence and the determination to support local communities has only grown. Through expansion and acquisition, Mr. Smith's small family company has grown to 92 stores with a service reach of over 2.5 million people in Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee.

In addition to being a successful businessman, Mr. Smith has demonstrated his appreciation for local communities through countless philanthropic efforts. Under his leadership, Food City has donated over \$7 million to schools in three states and has partnered with local farmers giving them an avenue to bring their produce to a broad and profitable market. Communities throughout its service region know that if a Food City store opens in their neighborhood, their neighborhood will become stronger.

Food City stands as an example of the great success that can come from one man's commitment to doing the very best he can do. Food City continues to be a family owned company.

As possibly the most impacting testimony of all, his children and grandchildren possess the same remarkable character that set one young

man from a rural coalmining community on a path that we celebrate here on the Floor of the United States House of Representatives today.

Congratulations to Mr. Jack C. Smith for 50 years of business success and thank you for 50 years of setting an example each of us can follow.

RECOGNIZING THE GURU GOBIND
SINGH FOUNDATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the completion of the Guru Gobind Singh Foundation and its opening, which will occur on October 2, 2005. I commend this organization for their dedication to the construction and also the inauguration of such an important spiritual center within the Sikh community. The Guru Gobind Singh Foundation (GGSF) is a Gurdwara, an institution with a hope to increase global awareness of Sikhism, the world's fifth largest religion, as well as enhance the image of Sikhs in order to bring them into the mainstream, especially in American society.

Since its inception in 1985, GGSF has devoted its time and energy to promoting and highlighting the issues concerning Sikhs in the United States. Since 1987, this group has represented Sikhism in the Inter-Faith Conference, held in Washington, DC, and in 1993, participated in the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago. Also since 1987, they have consistently demonstrated their support for the Civil Rights Movement through their annual involvement in the birthday celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Uplifting local communities and focusing on the youth, GGSF has organized Punjabi and Gurmat classes every Saturday for 14 years in addition to camps, study circles and educational conferences.

On an international scale, GGSF attended a Global Conference on Environment in Moscow in 1990, and various other conferences in Turkey, Greece, Japan and England, at which the organization fully represented Sikhism by illustrating its viewpoint on different topics. As early as 1984, GGSF has adamantly worked for the protection of the human and civil rights of Sikhs in India.

More recently, in March of 2000, the Guru Gobind Singh Foundation organized an interfaith memorial service for the 40 Sikh victims of the Kashmir Massacre, a tragedy which occurred in India. After the unforgettable tragedy of 9/11, GGSF played a major role in representing Sikhism and creating awareness of the portrayal of Sikhs in the media since 9/11. Also, the organization worked closely with the White House, U.S. Congress, and civil liberties organizations and held press conferences to call attention to the racial profiling and to deter hate crimes against Sikhs.

The Guru Gobind Singh Foundation has proven to be a cornerstone of the Sikh community and more importantly, of American society. This organization has continuously worked to increase Sikh participation in the religious, social, cultural and political fabric of America. While ensuring the protection of those members of the Sikh community, GGSF

promotes mutual respect and human rights for all people, and contributes to the efficiency of dialogue and understanding among all religions.

I commend not only their success over the years from its inception up to the inauguration of a new spiritual center, but also their undeniable commitment to the promotion of religious and cultural awareness both nationally and internationally. The Guru Gobind Singh Foundation serves as a strong, unified representative of Sikhism by communicating the interests and perspectives of the Sikh community to the American public and international organizations.

Once again, I fully acknowledge the achievements of the Guru Gobind Singh Foundation and its undying determination to foster awareness and understanding of Sikhism in America.

SALUTE TO HURRICANE
VOLUNTEER WAYNE HASSLER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the states along the Gulf Coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one man, his store and his donation. Wayne Hassler, from Chick-fil-A donated 75 sandwiches for volunteers during hurricane Katrina.

Chick-fil-A is one of the largest privately owned restaurant chains in the Nation. Yet, from the beginning, their first priority has never been just to serve chicken; they serve the Lord and the community.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Wayne Hassler for his donation. It is people like him that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through his contribution, he not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but he serves as an inspiration to others.

CELEBRATING IRMA EDNA
HENRY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Irma Edna Henry, who is celebrating her 100th birthday. Irma has been a joy to the community and has profoundly impacted the lives of her friends, family, and neighbors.

Irma Edna Henry was born to Bertha and Frank Daniels on November 7, 1905 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and has lived in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania for most of her life. Growing up with three sisters and two brothers, Irma has always greatly valued family life. At the age of sixteen, Irma began working for

the phone company, a job which she maintained intermittently after her marriage to Ralph Dewitt Henry on August 22, 1927. During the 1950s, Ralph, an employee at Gulf Oil, was transferred to Texas, where Irma became a nursing assistant at a local hospital. She then started a career at the county office in Pittsburgh, where she worked for several years until her retirement. Wherever she worked, Irma was well known for her extraordinary work ethic.

As much as she enjoyed each of her jobs, Irma has always treasured staying at home with her family. Irma and Ralph raised three sons, Ralph Jr., Herman, and Kenneth, and gained three daughters-in-law, Justina, Phyllis, and Arlene. Irma's husband Ralph passed away on December 8, 1984 at the age of eighty-six; however, Irma enjoys the company of her seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Irma has been an active member of the community and of the Democratic Party. She was elected committee woman for the Fourth Ward of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania and has always enjoyed advocating for others. Today, Irma is still very active and lives independently in her own apartment. She attends church services at her high-rise apartment and listens to country, western, and gospel music, enjoying the music of Daniel O'Donnell in particular. Irma is also a fan of Jeopardy, never missing an episode, and often spends her afternoons drinking coffee with her friends. Friends and neighbors appreciate her hospitality and her delicious cooking, always considering a meal at her home to be a special treat.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding member of the community. Irma Henry's great dedication to her friends and neighbors and her love of assisting others have inspired those around her to serve the community as much as Irma has done. Irma has touched the lives of many, and all those who know her feel privileged for having had the opportunity to meet such a remarkable woman.

DEATH OF ROSA PARKS

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, Rosa Parks embodied the modern civil rights movement in the United States. Through her quiet determination to challenge a racist law by refusing to give up her bus seat to a white passenger, Rosa Parks sparked massive civil disobedience by fellow African-Americans in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955. Her arrest led to a year-long bus boycott and ultimately a Supreme Court decision that outlawed segregation on buses.

In a broader sense Rosa Parks was the conscience of our nation, who forced Americans to confront the racism in our government and society. Her case cried out for action, as our government struggled to implement the Fourteenth Amendment's guarantee to provide "the equal protection of the law" to all citizens, regardless of race.

Civil rights historian and author Taylor Branch described Rosa Parks as a "tireless

worker and churchgoer, of working-class station and middle class demeanor." Her case raised the profile of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where she was secretary of the local chapter. The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. seized on her case and over the next decade rose to national prominence by leading the effort to enact historic civil rights and voting rights legislation in Congress.

America bestowed its highest honors on Rosa Parks later in her life, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. Her life and legacy shows us that one person can change the course of history by courageously standing up for what is right. We must honor her legacy by continuing the fight for civil rights and equality under the law, to insure that all Americans, regardless of race, have the opportunity to pursue the blessings of liberty.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF ROSA PARKS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and works of an incredible woman and activist, Mrs. Rosa Parks.

Mrs. Parks' act of brave defiance rocked the foundation of American society and inspired generations of civil rights leaders and created a sense of hope for every American facing legal discrimination in this country. Ten years after she refused to give up her seat because of her color, the country changed completely.

What seemed like a small act; refusing to leave her bus seat on a winter day in 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, led to a boycott of the Montgomery buses for nearly 13 months by the black community. Her act captivated a nation, solidified a movement, and ignited the candle of hope for an entire generation of blacks.

In 1955, Mrs. Parks was a seamstress at the Montgomery Fair department store, and on that day, in the winter of 1955, she boarded the Cleveland Avenue bus and took a seat in the middle. The bus quickly filled up at subsequent stops and soon a white passenger was left standing. Mrs. Parks refused to give her seat up as the bus driver instructed. In her 1992 autobiography, she said "People always said that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that wasn't true. I was not tired physically, or no more than I usually was at the end of a working day. No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in." Soon after Mrs. Parks' refusal, the U.S. Supreme Court desegregated Montgomery's bus system.

A museum and library now stands on Cleveland Avenue where Mrs. Parks boarded her bus. She was given the Medal of Honor and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. One cannot discuss the civil rights movement without mention of her name, and she will never be forgotten for her role in challenging the status quo.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot adequately express my feelings of sorrow at Mrs. Parks' passing. Mrs. Parks boarded the Cleveland Avenue bus in 1955 and took a journey she could never have imagined. But now, 50 years after her

ride, we must remember her journey and renew our commitment to equality for all Americans.

RECOGNIZING DR. SARAH K. NOBLE FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO THE HOUSE SCIENCE COMMITTEE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a talented individual who has been a dedicated member of our Committee staff for the past year—Dr. Sarah K. Noble.

Sarah came to the minority staff of the House Science Committee in late 2004 as a Fellow on a fully funded scholarship from the Geological Society of America (GSA). Sponsored by GSA and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), she has spent her time on the Committee assisting primarily with the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics.

She is an expert in the field of space weathering and has concentrated much of her academic career on the geological specifics of lunar and planetary studies. She is an esteemed researcher who has presented her work at numerous meetings and conferences. In short Mr. Speaker, we were honored to have a person of her distinction and expertise on our team.

During her tenure on the Committee, Sarah played an important role in our oversight of NASA, with a particular focus on its science and education programs. She also was a valued and tireless participant in developing H.R. 3250, the Democratic NASA Authorization bill. A significant fraction of that legislation was incorporated into H.R. 3070, the NASA Authorization Act that passed the House by a wide margin earlier this year. In short, both her analytic work and her thoughtful perspectives helped us to craft a better bill than otherwise would have been the case.

In addition to her policy and procedural work for the Committee, Sarah was also instrumental in another of our great accomplishments this year—our newly refurbished website. It must be difficult to find a distinguished geologist who also minored in art in college, but we successfully found that person in Sarah. Her vision for our new site helped shape the overall look and feel, easing navigation and broadening its appeal.

Sarah also has a passion for the study of science and mathematics, especially as it relates to inspiring our youth to pursue careers in the field. Sarah translated this passion—one that I share—into a groundbreaking section on our new website designed specifically for science and math teachers and the students they inspire.

The "Science Education & You" portion of the Science Democrats' website is more complete and effective today due to Sarah's input and guidance. Hardly a day goes by that a teacher or policy professional doesn't email with positive feedback on this portion of our website. The federal resources we locate and organize for teachers and students at <http://sciencedems.house.gov> will continue to grow, and Sarah deserves many thanks for helping us launch such a valuable resource.

We are sad to see her go, but Sarah is moving on to the next prestigious phase of her career at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX where she will pursue post-doctoral work.

In a recent AAAS column detailing her Washington, DC experience Sarah wrote, "Scientists have a vital role to play in creating sound science policy and I am thrilled to be a part of that process." Mr. Speaker, Sarah's input as both a scientist and a scholar have been invaluable to our Committee this past year. I thank her for her dedicated service and wish her the very best in what promises to be an exciting career.

**HONORING SPECIALIST DANIEL
BARTELS**

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to report the passing of Specialist Daniel Bartels. He was killed, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The lives of countless people were enormously enhanced by Daniel's goodwill and service. He inspired all those who knew him. Our nation is a far better place because of his life. All Americans owe Daniel, and the other soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom, a tremendous debt of gratitude for their service.

Every member of the House of Representatives has taken a solemn oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. While we certainly understand the gravity of the issues facing this legislative body, Specialist Daniel Bartels lived that commitment to our country. Today, we remember and honor his noble service to the United States and the ultimate sacrifice he has paid with his life to defend our freedoms and foster liberty for others.

Mr. Speaker, I express my sympathies to the family and friends of Specialist Daniel Bartels. I believe the best way to honor him is to emulate his commitment to our country. I know he will always be missed, but his service to our Nation will never be forgotten.

**PROTECTION OF LAWFUL
COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT**

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to S. 397, the "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act."

This bill denies for all Americans the right to bring civil suits against gun manufacturers and dealers for negligence or gross negligence in all but a very limited number of cases.

As an example of what this means, say a gun store owner left his shop unlocked and unattended, even just briefly, with guns available for anyone to take. If someone took one of these guns and used it to injure or kill, the victim would have no recourse.

Imagine if I changed my example to one involving a store selling other lethal items, like chemicals. Would people not want to see owner pay for the victim's injuries? Of course.

In fact, the victim in my second example would be able to sue. That's because the immunity S. 397 grants is unique—no other group has such broad and sweeping legal protections. What makes this industry so entitled but others not so?

And, the lawsuits blocked by this bill have in the past, and would in the future, force the industry to change its behavior and protect our safety (such as in the case of the DC sniper).

Don't take my word for it. Mr. Robert Ricker, a former gun industry lobbyist for almost twenty years, in a sworn statement said the following: "Leaders in the industry have long known that greater industry action to prevent illegal transactions is possible and would curb the supply of firearms to the illegal market. However, until faced with a serious threat of civil liability for past conduct, leaders in the industry have consistently resisted taking constructive voluntary action to prevent firearms from ending up in the illegal gun market. . . ."

I know its not a popular viewpoint today, but I believe in our American judicial system. I believe that generally cases without merit are dismissed, cases with merit are properly adjudicated, and sometimes parties will settle for their mutual benefit. As such, Congress need not step in and make decisions on liability, as in this case, for judges, juries, and states across the nation. Let's let our system work as intended.

I urge my colleagues to reject this unnecessary and unwise piece of legislation.

**CONGRATULATING MAYOR GER-
ALD ALSIP ON HIS RETIREMENT**

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to Mayor Gerald Alsip on his retirement from the City of Roseville, Michigan.

Mayor Alsip's exceptional career in public service spans 28 years. He has served the City of Roseville as a city council person for 16 years and Mayor for 12 years. Mayor Alsip's tenure has seen fiscal stability at the city and numerous local projects which have brought vitality and a sense of pride to the community. The new Recreation Center, renovations of the Library/City Hall and Police/Court complex, the opening of the Senior Center, and a variety of new businesses along the Gratiot corridor are highlights of an established community moving forward to serve its residents.

Mayor Alsip's record of accomplishment demonstrates his leadership abilities and his dedication to the City of Roseville and its residents. Jerry Alsip attended and graduated from Roseville Community Schools. He and his wife, Sharon are parents of 3 daughters, Sandra, Shannon and Amanda and proud grandparents of Hunter and Payton with a third grandchild due in November. Jerry Alsip has also been employed for 33 years at the Macomb County Circuit Court-Juvenile Division, currently serving as the Juvenile Division Administrator.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Mayor Jerry Alsip for his years of effective service to the City of Roseville and for his tireless commitment to the well-being of its citizens. With our Congressional offices now located in Roseville, I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with Mayor Alsip and I extend my heartiest congratulations and warmest wishes as he starts this new chapter in his life.

**CONGRATULATING WILLIAM RAN-
DOLPH COOK AND PATRICIA
COLETTE GREEN ON THEIR UP-
COMING NUPTIALS**

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and pay tribute to two people who are bound by their love for each other and by their service to God and our community. It is one of these ties that I want to recognize today, for William Randolph Cook and Patricia Colette Green are getting married on Saturday, October 29, 2005 at Mount Hernon African Methodist Episcopal Church in Miami Gardens, Florida.

They both served their country with distinction and honor in the U.S. Army. Patricia joined the U.S. Army in 1991 and served until 1994, receiving several commendations for service. Patricia is now a middle school teacher at Bob Graham Education Center. William served in the U.S. Army for four years. William now works for the Dade County Police Department in the PST Division and has received several unit citations from the Dade County Police Department.

They are both native Floridians who returned to the State after their military service and decided to serve the residents of Florida by helping to eradicate drugs from the neighborhood and teaching youth in urban North Miami.

I think the quote from Emily Bronte that they plan to use in their wedding program speaks to their commitment to each other, "whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same."

Each is a valuable contributing member of the South Florida family, and together they have truly emerged as leaders helping to foster the empowerment of a people and an overall better quality of life in our community. Our prayers and good wishes go with them for a long and happy life together.

**TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ROSA
PARKS**

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, today America celebrates the life of Rosa Parks. Fifty years ago a brave lady said "no," she would not go to the back of the bus and she helped end a sad chapter in American history. When Rosa Parks refused to move she stood tall for what America is about—for the dignity of every person and for human rights. Rosa

Parks helped make us a better country. Rosa Parks made us all proud.

HONORING DRS. ORA AND MARK
PESCOVITZ

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. BURTON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to two outstanding Hoosiers, Drs. Ora and Mark Pescovitz who were recently recognized at the Indiana-Israel Dinner of State held in Indianapolis on September 18, 2005—sponsored by the State of Israel Bonds/Development Corporation—for their years of dedicated service to the people of Indiana and to the State of Israel.

Since 1951, the State of Israel Bonds/Development Corporation for Israel has issued securities in the name of the government of Israel for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry. Israel Bonds has secured close to more than \$26 billion in investment capital, and throughout its history, Israel has maintained a perfect record on the payment of principal and interest on the securities it has issued. From humble beginnings, Israel Bond has gone from a fledgling idea, to a powerful legacy of achievement; in the process becoming the financial bedrock upon which the modern State of Israel was built.

This simple concept of investment in people and communities is also the bedrock upon which Drs. Ora and Mark Pescovitz have built their lives. Dr. Ora Pescovitz serves as an Executive Dean for Research at Indiana University School of Medicine as well as CEO and President of Riley Hospital for Children—the only comprehensive children's hospital in the state of Indiana, where thousands of patients and families travel to every year to seek diagnosis and treatment from one of Riley's many specialists. As if that weren't enough she has served on numerous committees of Endocrine Society and was chair of the 2002 Annual Meeting Steering Committee, she has served as President of the Society for Pediatric Research—the nation's largest pediatric research organization—been on six journal editorial boards, and is currently serving as the President of the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society, chair of the March of Dimes Grants Review Committee, and a member of the Ad-Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding.

Dr. Ora has even found time to publish more than 170 manuscripts and books, including a recently published renowned textbook on Pediatric Endocrinology, and her awards and accolades are many including, a Research Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health, Indiana University School of Medicine's highest Teaching Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine.

Dr. Mark Pescovitz's contributions are just as impressive. He is currently serving as Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Surgery at Indiana University, and since 1988, he has been a member of the Division of Transplant Surgery. Dr. Mark is also actively involved in the transplant community in the U.S. and around the world, serving on many na-

tional and international committees—most recently the Executive Council of the United Network of Organ Sharing, the umbrella organization that regulates transplant organs—and lecturing on the subject worldwide.

Dr. Mark is as prolific a researcher and writer as his wife, publishing over 200 articles in scientific journals and serving on the editorial boards of the three primary transplant journals. His primary research interests are new drugs to prevent transplant rejection and viral infections, but more recently he has combined his knowledge of immunology with that of diabetes and is directing a world-wide study designed to treat patients recently diagnosed with type-1 diabetes with the ultimate goal of eliminating their need for insulin. Dr. Mark Pescovitz is also famous for being the first doctor to perform a pancreas transplant for diabetes in Indiana—shortly after his arrival at Indiana University—essentially single-handedly creating the pancreas transplant program in the Department of Surgery at Indiana University.

Over the years, Drs. Ora and Mark Pescovitz have also spent time nurturing their Indiana and Jewish roots, opening their home to host numerous events for the Jewish community including for the Maimonides Association, Beth-El Zedeck, the Hasten Hebrew Academy, NCJW, the Borns Center for Jewish Studies at Indiana University, Israel Bonds and the Jewish Federation. Dr. Mark is also a member of the board of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Relations Council, as well as a member of the boards of the Indianapolis Opera, the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, and the Herron School of Art.

Mr. Speaker, individually and together, the Pescovitzes' contributions to the United States, to the people of Indiana, and Indiana Jewish Community, and to the State of Israel represent the highest tradition of selfless public service, civic stewardship and commitment to others. Their praiseworthy efforts were recognized at the Northwest Indiana-Israel Dinner of State, and I ask my colleagues to join me now to commend and congratulate Drs. Ora and Mark Pescovitz for their outstanding achievements, and their lives of service.

IN HONOR OF ROSA PARKS

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we lost one of the truly great figures in American history, Rosa Parks. I rise to honor the life of the Civil Rights icon known for her strong and quite courage. Ms. Parks was a seamstress at the Montgomery Fair department store in Montgomery, Alabama. It was her refusal to surrender a bus seat to a white man that launched the modern civil rights movement 50 years ago and inspired generations of activists.

During the 1950's, this nation was at a turning point in the area of race relations. Looking back, the Civil Rights movement had been building up, but a special moment, a spark, was needed to wake the national conscious. Rosa Parks stand provided that spark, and later became known as the "mother of the civil rights movement".

The arrest of Rosa Parks inspired a young Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. to organize the famous Montgomery bus boycott. The 381 day Montgomery Bus Boycott, became one of the largest and most successful challenges of segregation, which drew more attention towards the civil rights movement.

Ms. Parks dedicated her life towards achieving equality and freedom for all, serving as secretary of the NAACP and later the Adviser to the NAACP Youth Council, helping African Americans pass special tests which would allow them to register to vote. Mrs. Parks continued on her journey for racial equality when she tried to register to vote on several unsuccessful attempts.

Over the years, Rosa Parks dedicated her time to educating her fellow Americans on the history of the civil rights struggle. In 1987, with the help of Elaine Eason Steele, Parks founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Improvement, a youth assistance organization in Detroit. The program takes young people on an educational tour that visits sites of importance in the civil rights movement.

Because of the dedication Rosa Parks showed in the struggle for racial equality, her work has been recognized in receiving innumerable honors, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Nonviolent Peace Prize Award, the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award, the Eleanor Roosevelt Women of Courage Award, Medal of Honor, the highest award that the U.S. government bestows, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

Mr. Speaker, Rosa Parks continued her commitment to civil rights until her death. She will always be known as a person who was immensely concerned about equality, freedom, prosperity justice for all and she will be dearly missed.

DEATH OF RABBI HERMAN N.
NEUBERGER

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to mourn the recent passing of Rabbi Herman N. Neuberger, the president of the Orthodox Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, Maryland. I have known Rabbi Neuberger for many years and have counted on his friendship and advice. The death of Rabbi Neuberger is a tremendous loss for our entire community. Rabbi Neuberger was one of the foremost leaders of Orthodox Jewry in the United States, and was internationally recognized for his accomplishments.

Born in 1918 in Germany, Rabbi Neuberger was the youngest of three children. In 1938 he fled to the United States, on his own, as the Nazi regime began its rise to power in Germany. During World War II he helped to erect Ner Israel's first building on Garrison Boulevard in Baltimore.

Rabbi Neuberger affected the lives of many Jews in Baltimore, but he also helped Jews around the world escape from persecution. In 1976 he began bringing young Iranians back to Ner Israel for scholarship, and he encouraged them to return to the Middle East. After the 1979 Iranian revolution, Rabbi Neuberger

successfully persuaded the State Department to recognize Iranian Jews as political refugees, which allowed them to enter the United States. Many of the refugees became students of Rabbi Neuberger, who waived tuition for them. The school estimates that over the years roughly 1,000 people were brought to the United States due to the Rabbi's efforts.

Throughout his life Rabbi Neuberger also labored mightily to build bridges between different religious communities in Baltimore, understanding the critical importance of strengthening the inter-faith dialogue in this country to confront common problems.

Through his work over a half century, the campus expanded to include 90 acres and 800 students. Today Ner Israel teaches Talmudic Law and offers students numerous degrees, including a baccalaureate, master's, doctorate, Rabbinical Ordination and a teacher's diploma. Ner Israel is recognized as an accredited college by the state of Maryland, and its students may take courses at other colleges and universities in the Baltimore region and receive academic credits for their religious studies.

Rabbi Neuberger's family also contributed to his legacy at Ner Israel, as he is survived by five sons, three of which teach at the school.

Rabbi Neuberger had a tremendous impact on the spiritual, intellectual, and communal lives of thousands of Jews throughout the world. Rabbi Neuberger exemplified what it was to be a rabbi: someone with the wisdom to be a learned teacher and leader. His advice was sought out by community leaders of all faiths, and his wise counsel will be sorely missed.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTEL RIO RANCHO

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Intel Corporation facility in Rio Rancho, in my home state of New Mexico. Intel Corporation came to New Mexico in 1980 with just 25 employees and a tremendous vision for the future; today Intel is the largest employer in Rio Rancho, an area now known as the Silicon Mesa. Intel Corporation is a vital part of the local economy and a major contributor to civic and educational programs in Rio Rancho and the surrounding area.

Intel has been instrumental in the growth and economic development of Rio Rancho throughout the years; as plant operations expanded so did the number of employees and support services utilized by this technology giant. Intel expansion has resulted in numerous improvements in Rio Rancho; in 1997, the corporation donated \$30 million dollars for the construction of a much-needed high school.

Intel currently employs over seven thousand workers and subcontractors in New Mexico who benefit from wages that are well above the state average. Area businesses also flourish as Intel continually bolsters the local economy by purchasing goods and services in Rio Rancho. The city of Rio Rancho has grown, and continues to grow, around the presence of Intel Corporation.

Intel's involvement in Rio Rancho extends far beyond economic consideration, and commitment to community is evident by the corporation's participation in numerous philanthropic programs. Intel employees regularly volunteer time on many local art, education and cultural projects which are then matched by corporate funding. Intel also awards monetary grants to local organizations seeking to better the community and the state of New Mexico.

The Intel Corporation plays a key role in technology education in New Mexico. Intel partners with higher learning institutions in the state to create programs and curriculum that prepare students for employment at the Rio Rancho facility. Additionally, Intel provides access to technology in the Computer Clubhouse program and donates funding and equipment to local schools.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Intel Corporation on 25 successful years of business in Rio Rancho. Intel's presence in Rio Rancho has resulted in abundant resources for both employees and the surrounding community. Intel is an integral component in the growth of Rio Rancho and a stabilizing factor in the local economy. I thank the Intel Corporation for their consistent participation and lasting contributions to Rio Rancho and the state of New Mexico.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, due to the passing of my good friend, Sam Smith of Cartersville, Georgia, I request a leave of absence from votes this evening so I may attend his wake.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LILIA PEREZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lilia Perez for her contributions to the Laredo, Texas community that recently resulted in the opening of a community center bearing her name.

Lilia Perez is a native Laredoan who grew up, attended school, and has worked her entire life in Laredo. A few short years after studying Business Administration at Laredo Junior College, Lilia was elected to the Webb County Community Action Agency Board, where she represented the poor of Laredo for over thirty years.

In 1982, Lilia Perez was elected a Commissioner of Webb County, making her the first female Commissioner in the county's history. Lilia has also served on the South Texas Region Community Development Block Grant Review Committee and the City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Commission.

Continuing her devotion to her community, Lilia was appointed to the South Texas Retired Senior Volunteer Board. Lilia's service to

seniors and the poor led the City of Laredo to name their newly-built Community Center in her honor.

The Lilia Perez Community Center was financed through the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Center opened on September 30th, and provides meeting and storage facilities for seniors in the Laredo community.

I am honored to come before you today to recognize the contributions of Lilia Perez to Webb County, and I wish the Community Center the best as it serves our elderly citizens in Laredo.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF NJ STATE ASSEMBLYMAN AND NEWARK CITY COUNCILMAN DONALD K. TUCKER

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a former colleague and a friend, Assemblyman/Councilman Donald Kofi Tucker. I have known Assemblyman/Councilman Tucker for most of my adult life, serving with him on the Newark Municipal Council for many years.

Donald served in the United States Air Force and following his honorable discharge, he became an activist in the Community. He was a man who looked after the needs of all the people. He was elected to the Newark Municipal Council in 1970 and began working as an elected official on behalf of the citizens of Newark. He worked diligently for decades as chairman of the Tax Abatement Committee of the Newark Municipal Council and he served as president of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBCLEO) for many years. He was also appointed and served as chair of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. As one of the founders and chairman of the New Jersey Black Issues Convention (BIC), he had a mind to educate African Americans on the issues concerning the struggle for peace, equality and justice. He was elected to the New Jersey State General Assembly as an Assemblyman in the 28th Legislative District in 1997 and was named in 2001 and served as Speaker Protempore until his passing. Donald also supported the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL). We must remember all the countless children and elderly he served as founder and president of "The Centre, Inc.", a community services multipurpose center serving children, youth and seniors on Elizabeth Avenue in Newark.

Assemblyman/Councilman Tucker had views he firmly believed in and supported those views very passionately. But at the same time, he was a gentle man who gave of himself wholeheartedly. Even while he was ill, he still put the needs of his constituents before that of his own health.

After lying in State in the Rotunda of Newark City Hall, a home-going service will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 in Newark, New Jersey where his family, friends and colleagues will remember his legacy. I am certain that this legacy will live on in the people of Newark, throughout the State of New Jersey and across the Nation. He will be sorely missed.

I ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to the memory of this outstanding public servant and in offering our deepest condolences to his wife, Cleopatra and his three children, Donna Wynn, Stacey Carroll and Kiburi Tucker and his nine grandchildren.

ON THE PASSING OF ROSA PARKS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rosa Parks, a woman who dedicated her life to changing our Nation so that all Americans would have the opportunity to experience true freedom and justice. It was her courage and steadfast resolve that launched the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott and sparked the civil rights movement.

As we mourn her loss, we should recommit ourselves to stamping out injustice wherever it exists. We can best pay tribute to this remarkable woman by speaking out boldly against inequality and oppression and refusing to accept, ignore, or submit to it.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the members of Mrs. Parks' family. I hope that they can find solace in knowing that all Americans are grieving the loss of this courageous woman, who inspired generations of civil rights activists and changed the course of our Nation's history forever.

ON THE PASSING OF ROSA PARKS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of the civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, who passed away on October 24, 2005, at the age of 92. Rosa Parks is one of our country's premier civil rights advocates, who worked in the Montgomery, Alabama office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and is best known for refusing to relinquish her bus seat to a white man in December 1955.

Her quiet defiance led to her arrest and sparked the movement that inspired the Civil Rights Act which banned racial discrimination in public accommodations, ending legal segregation in America. Her historic act of courage showed that it was long past time to roll back the Jim Crow era discrimination laws.

After taking her public stand for civil rights and the ensuing Montgomery bus boycott, Mrs. Parks was unable to obtain work in Alabama. In the midst of threats and harassment, she and her husband, Raymond Parks, moved to Detroit, MI in 1957. Mrs. Parks worked as an aide in Rep. John Conyers' Detroit office from 1965 until retiring September 30, 1988.

Upon her retirement, Mrs. Parks said she sought to dedicate more time to the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, founded in 1987. The Institute is committed to developing leadership among Detroit's young people and initiating them into the struggle for civil rights. Mrs. Parks continued

to be a leader within her community and a symbol of freedom for all Americans up to her death.

Mr. Speaker, Rosa Parks' lifetime work and fight for the civil rights for African-Americans has not gone unnoticed in the last decade. Mrs. Parks was awarded the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton and the Congressional Gold Medal. Rosa Parks not only stood up for herself but for generations of African-Americans. Mrs. Parks will and shall forever remain an inspiration to those who are fighting for freedom and her legacy will remain iconic for the civil rights movement.

STATEMENT HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS INSPIRATION ROSA PARKS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of civil rights icon, Rosa Parks. Mrs. Parks served us all as a shining example of courage, strength and dignity for the whole of her 92 years and through some of the darkest points in our nation's history. An acknowledgement of her life and her passing on Monday, October 24, 2005 is in order.

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks quietly insisted upon the actions demanded by the most self-evident of truths: that she be recognized and respected as an equal. An equal to every other human being and every other citizen in the State of Alabama and the United States of America. On a day when she had worked as hard as anyone else, Rosa Parks insisted that she be recognized and respected as a human being, and quietly demanded to keep her seat.

The simplicity of her refusal to give up her seat on a public bus to a White passenger crystallized the pain of a nation and sparked a Movement. From that day on, African-Americans would be civilly disobedient. We would use non-violence to quietly demand in the most respectful way possible that we receive the respect that had been denied to us. Mrs. Parks inspired a Civil Rights Movement that empowered African-Americans politically, socially and personally. She was our inspiration to walk together until the economic, cultural, historical and political importance of African-Americans as Americans would be recognized. Mrs. Parks inspired the first steps in the next chapter of our national journey. . .and we continue to walk together today.

As we remember Rosa Parks, we must remember the trials and sacrifices for which she and so many others tirelessly fought. We must honor her memory by continuing the fight. The fight for justice. The fight for equality. The fight to be recognized first and foremost and in all situations as human beings. We are saddened by her passing, but she will live on in our memories and our actions.

85TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACARON'S SOOPER MARKET

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 85th anniversary of Macaron's Sooper Market, the oldest business establishment in the town of Springer, in my home state of New Mexico. Founded in 1920, Macaron's Sooper Market has been family-owned and operated for the entire 85 years the store has been in existence.

A testament to small business success in Northeastern New Mexico, Macaron's Sooper Market, the oldest business establishment in the town of Springer, in my home state of New Mexico. Founded in 1920, Macaron's Sooper Market has been family-owned and operated for the entire 85 years the store has been in existence.

A testament to small business success in Northeastern New Mexico, Macaron's Sooper Market also plays a significant role in the history of Springer. Originally known as the Springer Confectionery Store, Joseph and Lillie Macaron purchased the establishment in 1920 and reopened the business in October as the Macaron's Sooper Market.

In the thirties, more modern times necessitated the move to a newly constructed, larger building not far from the original location. The store was expanded again in the sixties to become the Macaron's Sooper Market we know today.

The legacy continues as Fred, Betty, Gary and Marilyn Macaron, descendants of the store founders, carry on the family business and decades-long tradition. Macaron's Sooper Market is an enduring and historic feather of Springer and a staple of the Northern New Mexico small business community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in offering congratulations to the Macaron family as they celebrate 85 years in business. Family-owned small businesses like Macaron's Sooper Market are the heart of Northeastern New Mexico's economy.

HONORING ROSA PARKS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and celebrate the life of Rosa Parks and her immense contribution to the struggle for human rights and the betterment of American society. Rosa died in her Detroit, Michigan, home on Monday, October 24, 2005, at age 92. Although saddened by this great loss, I cannot help but have great admiration for the courageous woman who kept her seat in a time of injustice. Known as the "mother of civil rights," Rosa unrelentingly devoted her life to guarantee equal rights to all Americans.

Rosa, clothed with determination, refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus 50 years ago and injected life and energy into the Civil Rights Movement. Rosa's actions

led to a 380-day citywide bus boycott and influenced a Supreme Court decision that demanded all public transportation be desegregated. Rosa's civil disobedience gave rise to a young minister, Martin Luther King, Jr., and to a wave of mass demonstrations and protests that changed a nation. Rosa's relentless belief in the American ideal that "all men are created equal" strengthened her ability to make a difference.

Many honors were given to Rosa during her life, memorializing her monumental achievements. She received the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest government award showing appreciation for her distinguished achievements and contributions, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, which recognizes exceptional meritorious service. More than 40 colleges and universities bestowed Rosa with an honorary doctorate. A museum and library on the Montgomery corner where she boarded the bus in 1955, is named for her. It is difficult to find a U.S. history book that does not mention her role in history.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the legacy of Rosa Parks who gave selflessly to ensure the basic principles of American democracy were afforded to everyone. Rosa improved the quality of life for many and made the United States into a place where all people enjoy freedom.

CONGRATULATING THE PENN
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM
ON ITS SECOND CONSECUTIVE
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, Hank Aaron, baseball's all-time homerun champion, once said, "It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course."

As Mr. Aaron can attest, playing golf and being skilled at golf are two very different things. Which is why I rise today to note the accomplishment of five young women in my district who attend Penn High School in Mishawaka, IN.

These five young women—seniors Julia Potter, Laura Ormson, Erin Buttrey, Michelle Fleischman, and freshman Anne Ormson—recently won their second consecutive championship at the 33rd Annual Indiana High School Athletic Association Girls Golf State Finals tournament.

The 2-day tournament was held at the Legends of Indiana Golf Course in Franklin, IN, where the Penn Kingsmen finished first among a field of nine talented golf teams.

And they did so in dramatic fashion. The team set Indiana State finals records for their 18-hole and 36-hole leads, ultimately defeating runner-up Noblesville by 32 strokes.

This was the team's third State title in 4 years under Coach Jim Garrett, with three team members—Julia Potter, Anne Ormson, and Laura Ormson—finishing among the top nine individual golfers in the entire State.

Mr. Speaker, former President Gerald Ford once expressed this sentiment on golf: "The pat on the back, the arm around the shoulder,

the praise for what was done right and the sympathetic nod for what wasn't are as much a part of golf as life itself."

I couldn't agree more. And I'm sure the parents of these five young women agree that the character building lessons they learned on the golf course will benefit them throughout their lives.

On behalf of the constituents of the Second District of Indiana, I would like to express our heartfelt congratulations to the Penn High School girls golf team for winning the 2005 State title.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For over 20 years, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has educated women about early breast cancer detection.

The statistics are staggering and demonstrate the dramatic impact this disease takes on our country. Most of us know of someone who has been affected by breast cancer—your mother, your sister, your wife, or a beloved friend.

In the United States, breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related death in women. It is the leading cause of death in women between the ages of 40 and 55.

In 2005, an estimated 270,000 women will be diagnosed with some form of breast cancer and approximately 40,000 women are expected to die from this disease, 4,100 in my home State of California alone.

While women account for the majority of breast cancer cases, we must not forget the estimated 1,690 men who will be diagnosed this year and the 460 expected to die. Due to the rarity of breast cancer in men, much less is known. This leads to the fact that men are more likely than women to be diagnosed with advanced disease and thus have poorer chances of survival.

In 2002, there were approximately 2.3 million women with a history of breast cancer. The most recent data suggests that 13.2 percent of women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time in their lives. That means 1 in 8 women will be affected by this disease.

Rates for women differ significantly for certain racial and ethnic groups. Although breast cancer deaths declined by 2.4 percent for white women from 1990 to 2002, the rate only dropped by 1.8 percent for Hispanics and 1 percent for African-Americans and Asian-Americans-Pacific Islanders. Strikingly, breast cancer mortality rates disproportionately affect African-American women in relation to White women. In 2002, death rates were 37 percent higher for African-Americans.

These disparities can be seen in my home State of California and in my district of Alameda County. The breast cancer rate for Asian women in California is going up, while the rates for other California ethnic groups are dropping. In the Greater Bay Area, as in the

U.S., African-American women continue to have poorer breast cancer survival rates compared to White women.

Specifically, in Oakland, the breast cancer incidence rate was 144.1 per 100,000, significantly lower than the Alameda County rate of 159.7. This suggests that women in Oakland do not have enough access to testing and are less likely to be diagnosed than women countywide.

Breast cancer does not have to take the lives of so many women. When detected early, the 5-year survival rate is over 95 percent. Mammograms and breast self-exams are proven methods of combating this disease. Seventy percent of all breast cancers are found through breast self-exams and mammography can detect breast cancer an average of 1–3 years before it is large enough to be felt.

Despite these proven detection methods, 13 million U.S. women, 40 years of age or older, have never had a mammogram. For women between the ages of 40 and 49, a mammogram every 1–2 years may reduce the risk of dying from breast cancer by 17 percent and for women aged 50–74 it may reduce the risk by 30 percent. Women cannot afford to go without these life saving measures. Every day and especially on October 21, 2005, National Mammography Day, women are encouraged to make an appointment.

Although mammograms are available, many women with poor or no health insurance, can't afford these routine tests. It's estimated that current funding allows only 1 in 5 needy women who qualify for the free CDC National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program to get these tests. As these simple screenings save the lives of thousands of women, we must commit to providing more money and resources for those women who can't afford to get tested.

Despite these facts, I am happy to report that more California women are getting regular mammograms. In the year 2000, 79 percent of women age 40 and older had had a mammogram within the past 2 years compared to 38 percent of women in 1987.

This month, I applaud the efforts of groups such as the American Cancer Society, the National Breast Cancer Foundation, the National Breast Cancer Coalition, the CDC, the National Cancer Institute and all the other groups working to end this disease for their commitment to research, fundraising, screening, and support for individuals affected by breast cancer.

In Congress we must support initiatives that advance the message of these groups. As Representatives, we must pass H.R. 2231, legislation that would establish multidisciplinary, multi-institutional breast cancer research centers to study the potential links between breast cancer and the environment.

We must also support the \$150 million appropriation for the Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program. This program is the gold standard for breast cancer research in the country and has a decade of support from a majority of Congress.

Strong research translates into more effective ways to treat breast cancer patients. Moreover, as we develop improved methods for treating this disease we must ensure that all Americans have access to the highest quality health care.

Each one of us has the duty to continue to support these meaningful measures and work within our communities to decrease the prevalence and death rate of breast cancer. In October and in every other month of the year we must continue the fight to educate both men and women about breast cancer and to eradicate this disease.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month which just ended. I want to once again acknowledge and appreciate this ever growing community.

In Congress, I have always held the concerns of the Latino community as my own. I am a Member of the Hispanic Working Group organized by Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI, and am a member of the Tri-Caucus, which is the collection of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus, and the Asian Pacific American Caucus. Through these Congressional organizations, and through the legislation I introduce and support, I look for ways to improve the lives for Latinos, particularly in Healthcare, Education, Housing, and other areas.

In my district, the 9th Congressional District of California, the contributions of Latino members of the community are stronger than ever. The Latino community is active and engaged throughout the District, State, and beyond. For example, Gabriela Franco, Vice President/Bank manager for Bank of the West was born in a small town in Mexico. Her parents brought her family to live in the United States when she was just 5 years old. She is the first person in her entire family to earn a college degree. Like so many other Latinas, Gabriela

has a passion for giving back to the community in any way she can. Gabriela sits on the advisory board for three non profit organizations, Operation Hope, Women's Initiative for Self Employment (WISE) and the Ora Lee Brown Foundation. She volunteers with different organizations in my community, including Wardrobe for Opportunity and the ALAS program for WISE.

WISE is a private, non-profit agency providing comprehensive business training, ongoing technical assistance and financing for Bay Area low-income women. Their programs are designed to assist an entrepreneur in gaining the necessary skills to start, grow and/or expand her business. Among the many successful graduates of WISE is Eva Saavedra. Eva and her husband Juan began their business from their home offering food to her neighbors. She met with instant success and after three years, with the assistance of WISE and the Unity Council, she was able to purchase the necessary equipment to open her own restaurant, El Huarache Azteca. El Huarache Azteca has been recognized by the Oakland Tribune and the San Francisco Chronicle as one of the finest Mexican restaurants in the Bay Area.

Another example is Terry Alderete; Terry has been a leader and mentor for many years. Terry has served on the board of the Chicano-Latino Youth Leadership Project, (CLYLP) which was established in 1982 to prepare Latino high school students to actively participate in California's economic, social, and political development in the 21st century and beyond. Terry has been instrumental in securing funding for CLYLP which has served countless Latino students including members of my staff. Terry serves as the Northern Region Director of the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and as the Vice President of the Alameda County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Terry is the coordinator of the largest Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and Cinco de Mayo celebrations in the

United States. Terry has managed to make these events as the premier family-oriented, alcohol-free, large-scale free festival in the East Bay, celebrating cultural traditions, diversity, and the arts in a fun and safe environment. Because of the popularity, diversity, and historical importance of the Dia de los Muertos festival, I inducted the festival into the Library of Congress as a local legacy in the State of California.

Individuals in my district are the motivating force behind the remarkable organizations that promote civic engagement among Latinos in the 9th Congressional District. Leaders like Jesus Rodriguez, an Oakland Community Organization field representative, who organizes informational town hall meetings on health care, education, and immigration for the Latino community. Belen Pulido, an Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action field representative, helps BOCA fulfill its mission of creating a coalition of interfaith congregations throughout the city of Berkeley to come together to dialog the need of faith support in the wider Berkeley area. Belen's leadership has been instrumental in having BOCA meeting the needs of the Latino community by persuading Berkeley High School in the English Language Learners program to translate forms and documents into Spanish for parents. In addition, Belen has organized immigration town halls and fundraiser for the School of the Americas organization.

Mr. Speaker, these are just a few examples, but I hope that this Congress will acknowledge the contributions of the Latino community to our nation. Our differences should not divide us; rather, they should be bringing us together in celebration of what this nation is about. The work of people like Belen Pulido, Terry Alderete, Eva Saavedra, and Gabriela Franco, set a shining example for the next generation of leaders of not just the Latino community, but of this nation as a whole.